

Four modern organized churches...  
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# HIS and THAT

Every year at Christmas time I set me down to write a fitting sentiment for the annual Christmas...  
Within the Great and Towering Cathedral of Consciousness there are many pieces of sculpture, many types of architecture, many emblems and symbols of supporting columns for the Edifice of Life.

Many of us have spent hours and days and weeks, fashioning from the materials of our existence various emblems and symbols that somehow or other reveal to an observing world just what we think.

But when we think we have externalized ourselves in our various human relationships. We think we have made ourselves invulnerable, jealousy, fear, and love within the Edifice of Life their emblems find lodgment in the niches of this Great Cathedral.

It seems to me that Christmas is a time when we celebrate the "Good News of the Birth of Him we know as Jesus, Jesus who made possible our lives as we do today. But he went through them, and became the Christ of our lives.

And now here goes the story of the re-construction of the above-mentioned Cathedral.

THE CHRISTMAS MIND  
Within each mind are shaped the plans  
The form the pillars and the arches  
Supporting through the storm and strife  
The thoughts of every life.

THE CHRISTMAS MIND  
The thoughts of God that fill our minds  
Are made of Heaven with all kinds  
Of joy, peace, and tender care  
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## HOME OWNERS PROTEST NEW SEWAGE PLANT

Petition Objects to PWA Street On Site of Present Building  
HEARING CALLED JAN. 7

Property owners who object to the city's plan to reconstruct and expand its sewage disposal plant on the present site have been invited to meet with the City Commission Monday night, Jan. 7, when the commission will attempt to answer their objections.

The hearing was called last Monday night after the Commission had received a petition signed by 31 owners of homes in the vicinity of the plant, protesting "seriously" to the expenditure of any funds for reconditioning the existing structure.

Originally the city had contemplated the erection of a permanent plant south of the Fourteen Mile road, beyond the city limits. The existing plant, located on the north side of the city, was built in 1900 for this project but was closed last winter, and only recently the city has been invited to re-open its application on a reduced and modified basis.

In their petition, the 31 signers declare that the present plant site is "highly improper and inadvisable for a number of reasons," and ask that the new plant be located in a "suitable residential neighborhood." They have tolerated the continued use of the present plant for the past 15 years, but they feel that it is only a temporary facility. The petitioners are members of homes on Lenox, Shirley, Drive, Southfield road, Gordon court and other streets in that locality.

"There is no objection but that it will be entirely unacceptable except for the idea," Mr. J. H. B. Jones, president of the petition, said in a statement. "We are not objecting to the idea of a new plant, but we are objecting to the location of the new plant in that neighborhood where we live."

As set up in the \$87,000 application, the city's plans at present call for the reconstruction of the existing plant, and the addition of a new plant to have a life of about 10 years. Of the \$87,000, Mr. Parry expects that approximately \$20,000 will be loaned by the Federal Government, and the remaining \$67,000 will be raised by the sale of revenue bonds, which would be placed on users of the system.

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## PAYOFF CONTINUES AT 1ST STATE BANK

Payment of the 5 per cent dividend on the stock of the First State Savings Bank, which was begun Monday, is being continued today. Checks are available at the bank today for depositors whose last name begins with M, N, O, P, Q, R and V. Names beginning with S, T, U and W will be honored Friday, and X, Y and Z names Saturday. The total dividend amounts to more than \$80,000, and is the fourth 3 per cent payoff made since the bank closed in June, 1931.

## 76 FAMILIES ON VALENTINE LIST

Christmas Baskets To Be Delivered To Needy From Community House  
Repeating the functions it performs every year, the Community House is serving as the center for the distribution of baskets of Christmas food for indigent Birmingham families.

A total of 76 families are on the list of the needy, and the Community House is serving as the center for the distribution of baskets of Christmas food for indigent Birmingham families.

The Community House itself will fill 15 baskets from its emergency fund, and the remainder will be donated by the community. The baskets will be made up at the Community House and distributed throughout the city.

## \$4,346 COLLECTED HERE IN SCHOOL TAX

A sum of \$4,346.29 in 1934 school taxes has been collected here since the statements were mailed about 10 days ago, it was announced yesterday at the city treasurer's office. The total amount of school taxes being collected in Birmingham is \$1,200,000. The city treasurer's office has not yet received tax statements have not yet been mailed. School taxes are payable without penalty until Jan. 10, when a 3 per cent charge will be added.

## Running For Bus, Boy Dies Of Heart Attack

While running to catch a bus, a 12-year-old boy died of a heart attack at the corner of Cottage Highway and Normandy road, and died before admission to St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital. At first it was believed the boy had slipped on the ice and was either struck by a car or suffered fatal injuries in his fall against a building. The boy's name is Harold Amberg. He has a brother, Kenneth, 12 years old, and a sister, Virginia, 13.

## COMMISSION TO HOLD NEXT MEETING DEC. 26

Because next Monday night is Christmas, the Birmingham City Commission has postponed its regular meeting until Wednesday night, Dec. 26. The meeting of the following week will probably also be held on Wednesday instead of Monday, which will be New Year's Eve.

## Bits O' Birmingham

A Christmas tree with a history is the one being displayed in a window of Wilson's Drug Store. The tree was made 25 years ago in Ypsilanti by Karl Ludke, a native of Germany, who gave it to his grandson, Edward Kurth, 11 West 21st street, on his first Christmas. The tree has been used by the family ever since. It is now being displayed in the window of Wilson's Drug Store, 11 West 21st street, as a reminder of the past.

### DR. VOELKER TO TALK HERE

State School Head To Open Adult Training Program Series  
Plans for an adult educational program to deal with the physical, mental, moral and spiritual development of present day young people, were announced yesterday by Mrs. Harold H. Corson, chairman of the Community Service committee of the American Legion Auxiliary, which is sponsoring the program.

## Community To Sing Carols At Lighted Christmas Tree

The city's newly lighted Christmas tree in the second block of the Civic Center will serve as the beacon for the community-wide caroling on Monday night. The tree, which was lighted by Mayor Harry Allen, will be the center of the celebration. The program will include "Away in a Manger," to be sung by the younger children; "We Three Kings of Orient Are," by the men of the group; and "Silent Night," to be sung by the female voices. The other carols, which will be sung by the entire assembly, will include "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," "The First Noel," "O Little Town of Bethlehem," "O Come, All Ye Faithful," and "Joy to the World."

## LIONS CLUB PLANS PARTY FOR KIDDIES

325 Needy Boys, Girls To Be Entertained At Theater Saturday Morning  
Christmas will come three days early for the 325 Birmingham boys and girls who will be guests at the Lions Club's fourth annual Christmas Party for needy children, to be held at the Birmingham Theater at 10 A. M. Saturday.

## Funeral Rites To Be Held Today For Joseph Hardig

Advertising Executive, 42, Succumbs After Brief Illness  
Funeral services for Joseph L. Hardig, prominent Birmingham business manager who died unexpectedly last Monday, will be held at 10 A. M. today from the Church of the Little Flower, 1000 Oak Road, in the Woodlawn Cemetery, Detroit.

## Have You MET?

Mr. and Mrs. Garland D. Tait, formerly of Detroit, who are living at 1443 Yorkshire road, have a daughter, Joanna, one year old. Mr. Tait is an attorney with the firm of Slyke, Hartman and Mercer, Detroit.

## ECENTRIC TO ISSUE FRIDAY NEXT WEEK

In order that employees of the Eccentric may enjoy the day which has holiday on Tuesday, next week's issue of the paper will be published Friday, the following week of Thursday morning. Friday morning will also be the time of publication of the following week. News and advertising copy must be in the office at noon on Thursday of either week to insure publication the following day.

## CITY SETS CAB FARE CONTROL

Commission Orders Taxia To Install Meters; Will Regulate Rates  
All taxicabs operating in Birmingham must be equipped with fare meters within 30 days, in accordance with the resolution adopted by the City Commission Monday night.

The resolution, marking the city's first attempt at controlling taxicab fares, also contains an injunction against the Mayor, James W. Parry, to confer with the proprietors of the two cab companies now operating in Birmingham under a schedule of rates to be submitted for the Commission's approval.

The resolution was adopted after Fred S. Ross, 504 Willis street, had urged that the Commission take immediate steps toward regulating cab fares.

Recommending either the installation of meters or the zoning of the city, Mr. Ross objected to the method of collecting fares now in use, whereby a flat fee is charged for any trip within the city limits. Passengers traveling from one end of the city to another should be asked to pay more than they would travel only a few blocks, he objected.

The Snow Plays A Joke On Santa And His Brownies  
Santa Claus Palace Iceberg Square, North Pole.  
Hello, Boys and Girls, and I'll be starting out on my great trip around the world—the trip I love to take. And, if you're a little like you like to have me take. But think of it, boys and girls—only four more days and you'll see me. So, I'm going to come in!

Up to yesterday, you'll remember, the weather was fairly nice. But today, it's a different story. The snow is falling fast and hard. It's a real snowstorm. So, I'm going to come in!

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GOODELLOWS' GIFTS GO TO 600 CHILDREN  
Toys Made in Schools, Candy, Clothing To Bring Christmas Cheer  
PRESENTS ON EXHIBIT  
Toys, clothing, candy and fruit—Christmas presents for 600 to 600 needy Birmingham boys and girls, members of about 250 different families, will be distributed by the Goodfellows Club Monday. It was announced yesterday by James W. Taylor, president.

There are also nearly 200 used toys which were reconducted in the schools, 300 dozen oranges, candy, 300 dollars of clothing, an enormous amount of jewelry, games and other articles. Mr. Taylor said. He issued a call yesterday for volunteers to furnish trucks and their personal services in helping to distribute the gifts from the Community House.

The clothing to be given consists of mittens, underclothes, caps, stockings and other articles most in demand among small school children, as shown by the reports of welfare officials and charitable organizations. The clothing like the dolls and material for the toys was purchased from the fund raised by the Goodfellows in its annual newspaper sale two weeks ago.

The toys, clothing and other articles are all on display now in a vacant store in the First National Bank Building on North Woodlawn avenue. The display, which includes an attractive window exhibit of the work done in the schools, will remain there until Saturday, with volunteers in charge to enable interested persons to examine the goods today or tomorrow, either in the afternoon or evening.

Theater Party Planned  
On Saturday, the articles will be moved to the Community House, where they will be on display until they are distributed Monday morning.

Along with the other gifts, the club will give a \$50 admission ticket to the Birmingham Theater for a special performance Saturday afternoon, Dec. 29. The management of the theater has given the tickets to the club without charge, and offered its facilities to entertain the boys and girls that afternoon.

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